ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

President: I have received notices of four adjournment motions. The first is from Mr. Fletcher about "the serious situation caused by the refusal of cotton yarn dealers to sell the yarn at a reasonable price and consequent unemployment among the weaving population of the State".

The second one is from Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar for discussing the situation caused in the country by reason of non-availability of fuel oils required for pumping out water from the punja lands and Kayal lands as preliminary to the cultivation of such lands in 1117.

The third one is from Mr. T. K. Kittan and it relates to the difficulties of newspapers in getting the necessary printing paper on account of the war situation and the necessity for taking immediate measures in the matter.

The fourth one is from Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan and it refers to the serious situation created by the illegal methods adopted by the Fish contractors of Veeyapuram and Changanacherry and the urgent necessity for redressing the grievances of the poor people of Kuttanad in this connection.

Honourable members will realise, and I am sure they will be the first to appreciate, that in respect of these adjournment motions, which are no doubt in their own way serious and of some importance, if a time is given for discussing them what will happen is that that time will be subtracted from the time honourable members will get for the general discussion of the budget and for the voting of demands. These four motions will practically take all the afternoons of this Session. Now, every one of these subjects could be brought to the notice of Government at the time of the general discussion, and I shall call upon the honourable members to speak on those subjects, and the Government members will have a special opportunity of answering those matters. It is entirely left to the honourable House to choose any way they like. I am perfectly prepared to permit all these four adjournment motions to be moved, but that will mean a kind of selfdenying ordinance on the part of the House at the time of the general discussion and the voting on demands. I might say that elsewhere also it has been found more convenient to discuss it as part of the discussion in regard to total grants during the time of the general discussion. I am in the hands of the House as regards this matter and the honourable members who have given notice of the adjournment motions may indicate their views now. In that way the sense of the House could be ascertained.

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Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Sir, I am in full agreement with the view expressed by the Chair. I shall deal with the matter during the general discussion of the budget.

Mr. T. K. Kittan (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry cum Peermade*: I shall also speak during the general discussion of the budget.

Mr. James Fletcher: I do not press the motion now. I shall refer to it at the time of the general discussion.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan (*Nominated*): ഈ സംഗതി അല്പംകഴിഞ്ഞു് അങ്ങയുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നുകൊള്ളാമെന്നുള്ള വിചാരത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഇതു തൽക്കാലം മാറിവയ്ക്കാമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു.

President: As was done elsewhere I shall call upon those honourable members who have given notice of motions for adjournment of the business of the House rather at an early turn in the course of the general discussion so that they may have a chance to say what they wish to say on the matter.

I have received another motion to be moved in to-day's sitting in regard to the demise of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and I think it will be generally agreed that this is the proper occasion to refer to it. I shall allow the motion to be made at the proper time.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

Secretary: I beg to report that the following message has been received from the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly:

"Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Mulam Assembly at its meeting held on the 5th August 1941, agreed without any amendment to the Travancore Hindu Gains of Learning Bill and the Travancore Kshatriya Act (Amendment) Bill which were passed by the Sri Chitra State Council on the 29th January and the 5th April 1941, respectively."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

Secretary: I beg to report that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

(1) The Travancore Payment of Wages Bill.
(2) The Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill.
(3) The Travancore District Municipalities Bill.
(4) The Travancore Child Marriage Restraint Bill.

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